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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Examiner: Jules, Frantz F.

Serial No: 09/650,388

Art Unit: 3617

Title: VEHICLE CARRYING RAILROAD CAR AND BRIDGE PLATE THEREFOR

Filed: August 29, 2000

Date: November 7, 2001

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

1) This letter is responsive to the Examiner's Office Action of May 7, 2001. It is accompanied by a check for a three-month extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 (b), extending the time period for response to November 7, 2001, as well as for the excess claims presented, which results now in payment for 44 total and 6 independent claims.

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2) Amendments to the Description

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02 FC:103 270.00 OP

None at this time.

3) Amendments to the Claims

Please cancel claims 1 and 2, without bias or prejudice.

Please amend the claims as follows:

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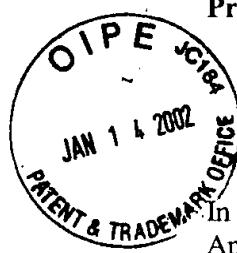
3. (Amended) A rail road car bridge plate operable to permit [vehicles] a vehicle to be conducted [thereover] between respective vehicle decks of a pair of first and second longitudinally coupled rail road cars, said bridge plate comprising:

a beam locatable in a longitudinal orientation relative to the rail road cars to span a gap therebetween;

said beam having a surface upon which [vehicles] the vehicle can be conducted;

said beam having a fitting by which to mount said beam to the first of the rail road cars;

said fitting being operable to accommodate yawing of said beam relative to the first rail road car when said beam is located in the longitudinal orientation and the rail road cars are in motion; and



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**PATENT**

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In re application of: Coslovi, Ilario A.; Forbes, James W.  
Application No.: 09/650,388 Group No.: 3617  
Filed: 08/29/2000 Examiner: Jules, F.  
For: VEHICLE CARRYING RAILROAD CAR AND BRIDGE PLATE THEREFOR

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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## AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

## STATUS

2. Applicant is other than a small entity.

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## **EXTENSION OF TERM**

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 (fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1)-(4)) for three months:

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## **FEE FOR CLAIMS**

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING/TRANSMISSION (37 C.F.R. 1.8(a))**

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4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Addit. Fee	
Total	44	Minus	29	= 15	x \$18 = \$270
Indep.	6	Minus	6	= 0	x \$84 = \$0
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim				+x\$0	\$0
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			Addit. Fee		\$270

Total additional fee for claims required \$270.00

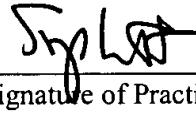
#### FEE PAYMENT

5. Attached is a check in the sum of \$1,190.00.

#### FEE DEFICIENCY

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